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House Bill 244 (Delegate Fennell, *et al.*)
Environment and Transportation

Motor Vehicles - Duplicate Drivers' Licenses - Victims of Robbery

This bill allows an individual whose driver's license has been stolen to drive without a license for a two-week period as long as that individual reports the robbery to the police in a timely manner. The driver is required to apply for a duplicate license within two weeks of the robbery. If the driver applying for a duplicate license presents police record documentation of the robbery, the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) must give that application precedence over other applications for duplicate licenses and process the application on an expedited basis.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: MVA can handle the bill's requirements with existing resources. General fund revenues may decrease minimally due to fewer citations being issued.

Local Effect: Any changes to local police enforcement processes can be handled with existing resources. Local government revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Persons driving on a Maryland highway are required to carry their driver's license with them and to display it to a uniformed police officer on demand. Failure to do so is a misdemeanor; the prepaid fine established by the District Court is \$50.

Should a driver's license be lost, stolen, mutilated, or destroyed, the driver is required to immediately apply for a duplicate license. Failure to do so is a misdemeanor; the prepaid fine established by the District Court is \$70.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 9 of 2008 received a hearing in the House Environmental Matters Committee but was subsequently withdrawn.

Cross File: None.

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